

Dienes

Chapter 8

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Unsaturated hydrocarbons containing:

two double bonds: diene

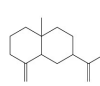
three double bonds: triene

four double bonds: tetraene

many double bonds: polyene



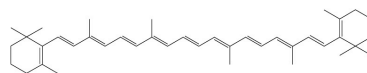
α -cadinene
oil of citronella
a diene



β -selinene
oil of celery
a diene



zingiberene
oil of ginger
a triene



β -carotene
a polyene

Classification of Dienes



isolated diene



conjugated diene



cumulated diene

Nomenclature



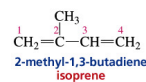
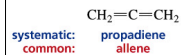
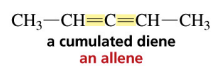
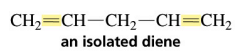
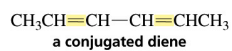
(2E,5E)-2,5-heptadiene

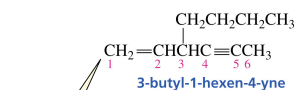
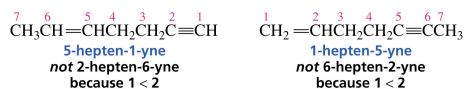


(2E,4E)-2,4-heptadiene



3,4-heptadiene





the longest continuous chain has eight carbons, but the 8-carbon chain does not contain both functional groups; therefore, the compound is named as a hexenyne because the longest continuous chain containing both functional groups has six carbons

If there is a tie, the double bond gets the lowest number

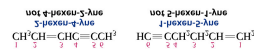
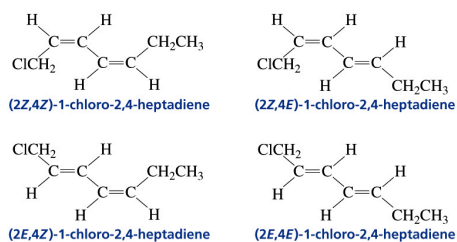
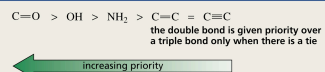
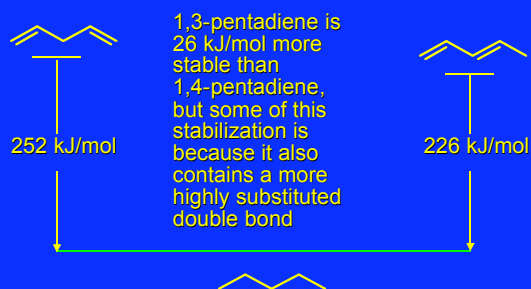


Table 8.1 Priorities of Functional Group Suffixes

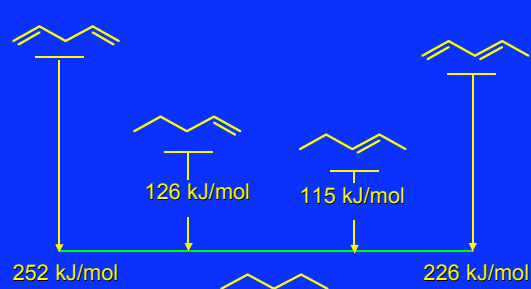


Relative Stabilities
of Dienes

Heats of Hydrogenation



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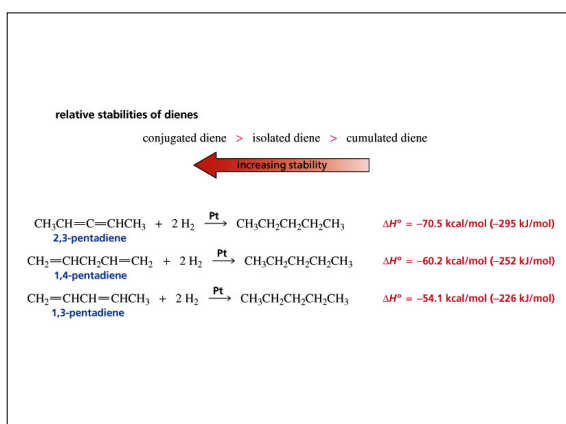
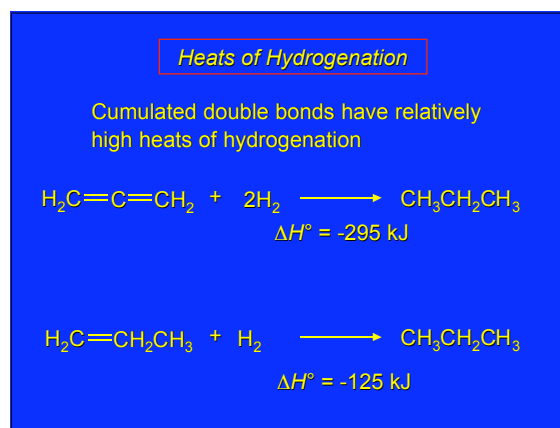
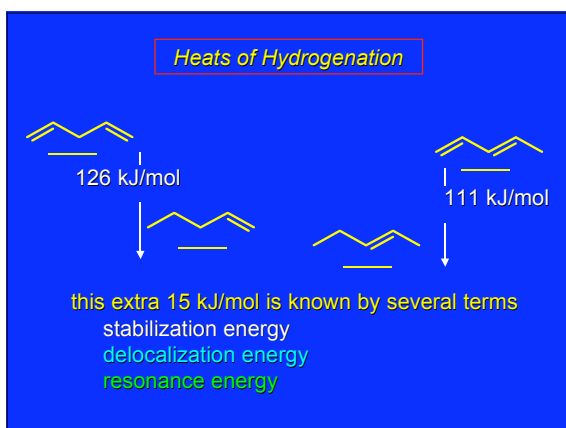
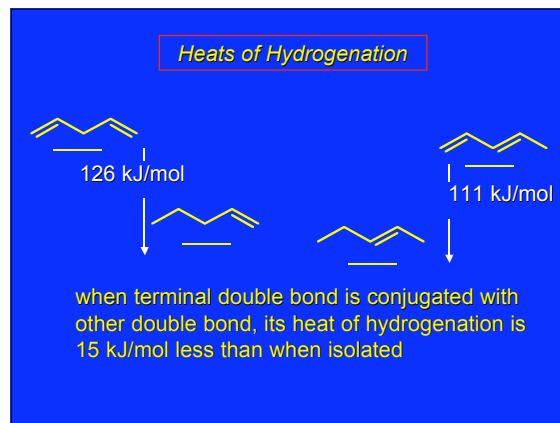
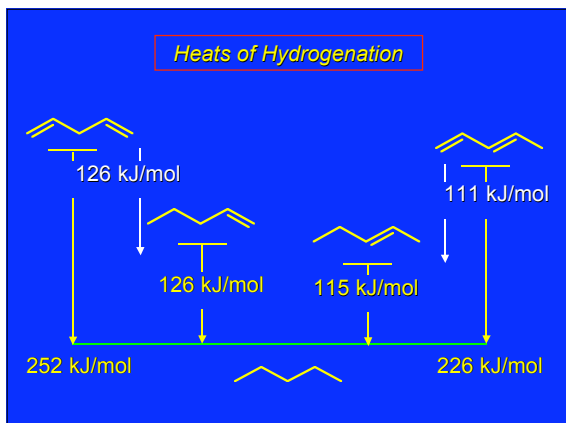
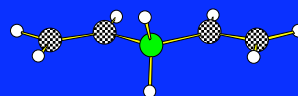


Table 8.2 Dependence of the Length of a Carbon-Carbon Single Bond on the Hybridization of the Orbitals Used in Its Formation

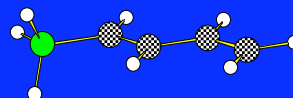
Compound	Hybridization	Bond length (Å)
$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$	sp^3-sp^3	1.54
$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$	sp^3-sp^2	1.50
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$	sp^2-sp^2	1.47
$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$	sp^3-sp	1.46
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$	sp^2-sp	1.43
$\text{HC}\equiv\text{C}-\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$	$sp-sp$	1.37

Bonding in Conjugated Dienes

Isolated diene



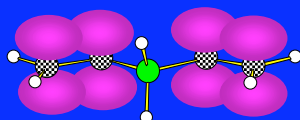
1,4-pentadiene



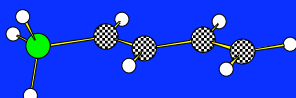
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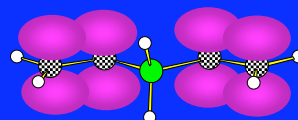
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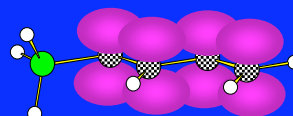
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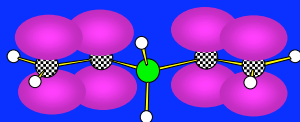
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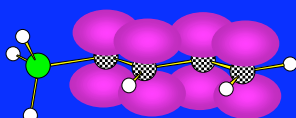
p orbitals overlap
to give extended π
bond
encompassing
four carbons

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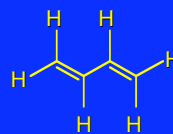
less electron
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less stable



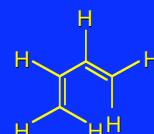
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Conformations of Dienes



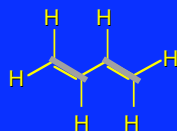
s-trans



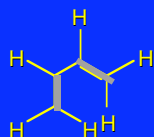
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s prefix designates conformation around single bond
 s prefix is lower case (different from Cahn-Ingold-
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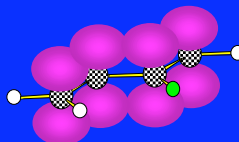
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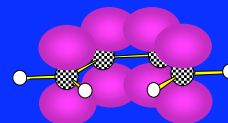
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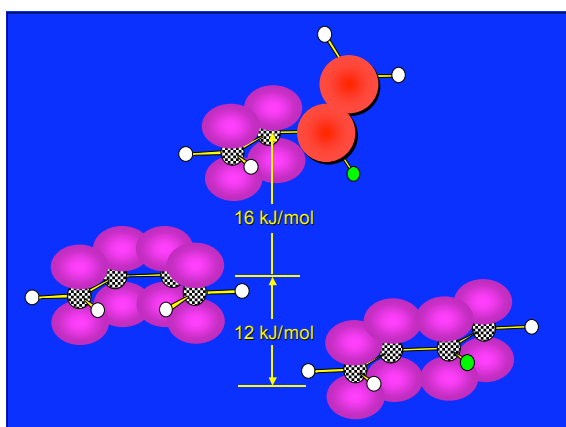
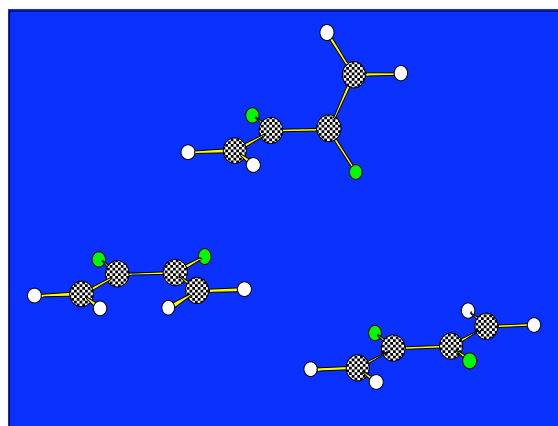
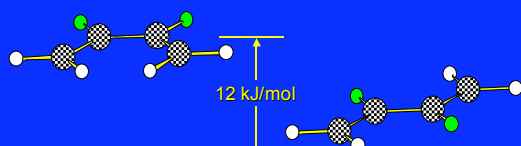


s-cis

Both conformations allow electron delocalization via overlap of *p* orbitals to give extended π system

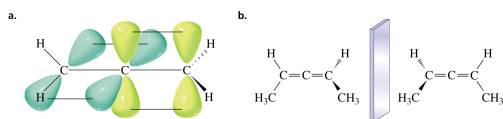
s-trans is more stable than s-cis

Interconversion of conformations requires two π bonds to be at right angles to each other and prevents conjugation

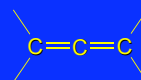


Bonding in Allenes

A cumulated diene is less stable than an isolated diene

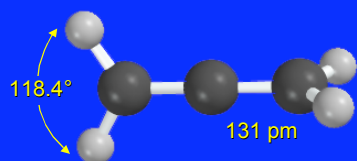


Cumulated Dienes



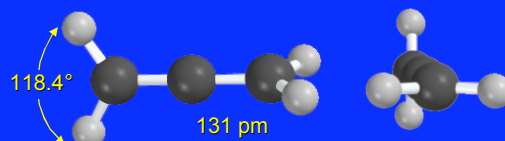
cumulated dienes are less stable than isolated and conjugated dienes

Structure of Allene



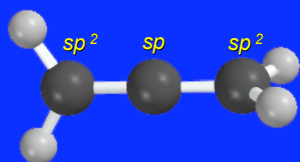
linear arrangement of carbons
nonplanar geometry

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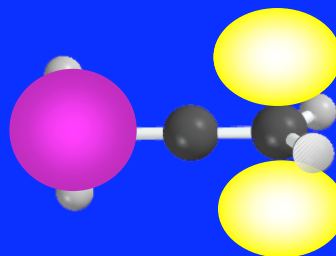


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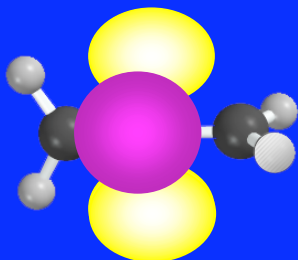
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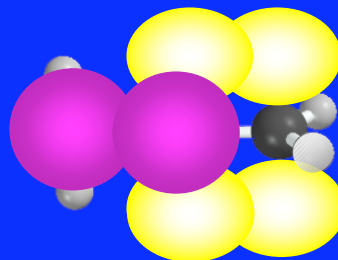
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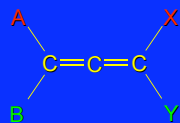


Bonding in Allene



Chiral Allenes

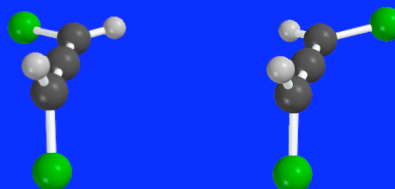
Allenenes of the type shown are chiral



$\text{A} \neq \text{B}; \text{X} \neq \text{Y}$

Have a stereogenic axis

Stereogenic Axis



analogous to difference between:

a screw with a right-hand thread and one with a left-hand thread

a right-handed helix and a left-handed helix